

## Budget Open House & Public Hearing Today

The City of Lynchburg is conducting an open house and public hearing today, **April 3**, regarding the FY 2013 Proposed Operating Budget and the FY 2013-2017 Capital Improvement Program. The open house is at 6:00 p.m. and offers citizens the opportunity to ask questions about the budget in an informal setting.

Citizens who wish to speak at the public hearing may begin to sign up at 6:00 p.m., and will be

recognized in the order that they sign up. The budget public hearing begins at 7:00 p.m. and will air live on LTV Comcast cable channel 15 and online via the City's website at [www.lynchburgva.gov](http://www.lynchburgva.gov). Please select "View Council" on the City's home page. Note: The FY 2013 Proposed Budget and FY 2013-2017 Capital Improvement Program documents are available for review at [www.lynchburgva.gov](http://www.lynchburgva.gov).

## Lynchburg Fire Department Re-Accredited

The Lynchburg Fire Department has been re-accredited by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International. The commission issued its approval on Tuesday, March 6 at its semi-annual meeting.

The accreditation comes following an intensive site visit in November 2011 by fire service peers. The site visit validated the contents of the department's self-assessment manual previously submitted to the Commission.

During the site visit, the peer assessors interviewed nearly 75 employees from across the organization including the Fire Department, and the Departments of Emergency Services, Finance, Fleet Services, Information Technology, Public Works, Water Resources, and the City Manager.

The Fire Department was originally accredited in August 2005. It became only the fifth fire department in Virginia to become accredited and is now one of 10 in Virginia. There are only 133 accredited fire departments worldwide. The accreditation status will remain in effect for five years.

"The re-accreditation supports our commitment to delivering



outstanding fire and emergency medical services to the citizens of Lynchburg and our dedication to continuous improvement to our public safety system," said Fire Chief Brad Ferguson.

"The residents and businesses in this community can take great comfort in knowing that the City of Lynchburg continues to have one of the nation's top notch fire departments," said Mayor Joan Foster.

Lynchburg is also one of the few communities in the nation to not only have accredited Fire and Police Departments, but also an accredited Sheriff's Department.

More information about the accreditation program can be found at [www.publicsafetyexcellence.org/agency-accreditation/about-accreditation-cfai.aspx](http://www.publicsafetyexcellence.org/agency-accreditation/about-accreditation-cfai.aspx).

## You're Invited to a Garden Party!

Central Virginia boasts a number of beautiful public gardens that draw visitors from throughout the region and beyond. These gardens play an important role in promoting environmental stewardship and awareness, plant and water conservation, and education.

The Lynchburg Marketing Partnership, along with several local garden and tourism advocates, has published a full-color brochure to highlight the region's public gardens. The brochure includes an area map with garden locations and a photo of each garden and will be available at the Lynchburg Visitors Center and area hotels throughout the region.

You are invited to join us as we celebrate the publication of the brochure and the beauty of Central Virginia public gardens.



*You are cordially invited to celebrate the official launch and publication of the Central Virginia Public Gardens brochure and website.*

**Tuesday, April 17 – 4:00 p.m.**

**The Awareness Garden  
Ed Page Entrance, Blackwater Creek Trail  
50 Old Langhorne Road**

Hosted by the *Lynchburg Marketing Partnership*

*Where to Park:*

- Handicap accessible parking is available on site
- All other parking at Linkhorne Middle School - 2525 Linkhorne Drive (round-trip shuttle transportation provided)
- For more information call (434) 455-3803



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Boards & Commissions

Would you like to join the hundreds of citizens who serve the community by serving on one of the many City Council appointed boards and commissions?



If so, please contact the Clerk of Council at 455-3995 for an application, or print an application from the City's website at [www.lynchburgva.gov](http://www.lynchburgva.gov). Many of the boards and commissions will have vacancies when terms end in June 2012.

Consider volunteering for one of the following boards and commissions:

### Upcoming Vacancies June 2012

Youth Services Citizens Board  
5 vacancies (all eligible to serve again)

City Employees Appeal Board  
1 vacancy (eligible to serve again)

Central Virginia Comm. College Board  
No vacancies

Board of Zoning Appeals  
1 vacancy (eligible to serve again)

School Board  
3 vacancies (3 eligible to serve again)

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. & Lynchburg Community Council  
3 vacancies (1 eligible to serve again)

Economic Development Authority Board  
2 vacancies (all eligible to serve again)

Museum Advisory Board  
5 vacancies (all eligible to serve again)

Historic Preservation Commission  
3 vacancies (all eligible to serve again)

Regional Tourism Board  
3 vacancies (all eligible to serve again)

Note: Although some individuals are eligible to serve another term, there is no guarantee that the individual will be re-appointed.



**Broadcast Services Channel 15**

*Keep an eye on it...*

Tired of watching sleazy reality television, cooking shows and programs about strange afflictions? If you are, channel surf over to Cable Channel 15 – Lynchburg's Government Channel (LTV). In addition to broadcasting live City Council meetings, LTV is your source for important information about your community.

Watch programs that will teach you how to get the most for your money at the grocery store, find out why so many of the City streets seem to be under construction, learn what your Parks and Recreation Department has to offer or sit in on a talk about Cleopatra at the Library. You can find it all on LTV – Comcast Channel 15 – "Keep An Eye On It!"

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

- April 14, 8 am to 12 pm
- For more information visit the City's website at [www.lynchburgva.gov](http://www.lynchburgva.gov)

## Bulk and Brush Collection Reminder

Residents are reminded that it is not necessary to call the City for pick up of your old furniture, appliances, tires, brush, and other bulky items. You may place the items on the curb on the day of your trash collection (but keep separate from trash). Refuse collectors will pick up small bulky items and brush when they pick up your trash or in case of a large pile, they will contact a knuckleboom operator to pick up the items. Due to environmental regulations, appliances containing FREON (refrigerators, air conditioners, etc) and tires will also be collected separately.

With the unusually warm weather more people are getting their spring cleaning done early. When that is the case, it may take longer to get to your bulky items. We ask you to be patient. If, however, items placed at curbside have not been picked up in three weeks, please call the City's Citizens First Information Center at 856-2489.

*NOTE: Contractors hired by private citizens are always responsible for the disposal of brush, limbs, branches and other yard debris cut by the contractor. In addition, remodeling and demolition debris must be delivered by the contractor/citizen to the landfill for proper disposal. This type of waste is not accepted at the curb.*



Thank you to the more than 100 volunteers who marched on litter despite the spring rain on March 24. Volunteers of all ages participated in this 14th annual event. Public Works and the Citizens for a Clean Lynchburg, Inc. provided the clean-up site list, litter supplies and delicious refreshments from restaurants at the Community Market. By lunchtime, a total of 4,800 pounds of litter had been collected!

